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Further, kindly enter the declaration of inventor submitted herewith executed by the inventor, John M. Curran.

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- A. Specification, Page 3, line 7, amended from "Fig 4(a) – 4(f) are top views of forms of retention means in accordance with the invention;" to read - - Figs 4(a) – 4(e) are top views of forms of retention means in accordance with the invention; --
- B. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as follows: - - An improved system and method for facilitating pipe and conduit coupling comprises a clamp having at least one screw hole for insertion therethrough of at least one screw for insertion for a further clamp for being screwed to fasten the clamps together on ends of pipes to be coupled, at least one gasket between the clamps and pipe and including at least one retainer to engage with the screw to prevent the screw from displacement prior to being screwed into fastening relationship with the gasket and the pipe. An improved

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